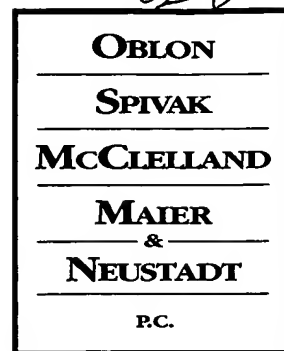




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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Page 18, prenumbered lines 10-21, please replace as follows:

The prism 5 is disposed between the first lens 4 and the polarization beam combiner

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7, and emits the first laser beams K1 and the second laser beams K2, and makes their optical axes parallel to each other. The prism 5 is made of optical glass such as BK7 (borosilicate crown glass). The Optical axes of the first and second laser beams K1 and K2 which propagate not in parallel to each other from the first lens 4 are made parallel to each other by